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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Proposed School Calendar

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Attached, please find a copy of the proposed school calendar for 2015-2016. Since it is in conformance with our contract, we do not have to approve it; however, we can make alternative suggestions.

You will note:

- Teachers report September 8th.
- September 8th and 9th are Superintendent Conference Days.
- Students report September 10th.
- There is a four (4) day February (12th - 15th) break and a four (4) day May (27th - 30th) break.
- The winter break is from December 24th – January 1st.
- There is no February break.

Please note that we do not agree with the footnote relating to Superintendent and Regents days. We believe they should be counted as days of student attendance which the District now has at 182 Elementary and 170 High School. We believe the number should 186 Elementary and 186 High School.

We will be checking on this.

Some teachers have asked if we could develop and submit a calendar that would have students in school for the same number of days, have teachers working the same number of days but exceed the contractual 42 weeks (43 weeks) as was done this year.

Such a calendar would:

- Have teachers report Tuesday, September 1st.
- Have September 1st and 2nd be Superintendent's Conference Days.
- Have students report September 10th (Labor day would be a holiday).
- Have a February break from February 15th - 19th.
- Move the current February 12th non-school day to Monday, March 28th (the day after Easter)

This would coincide with the BOCES calendar and have teachers receive their first partial checks a week earlier.

We would, as we have in the past, negotiate having May 27th then March 28th be used to replace snow days if necessary.

We make no recommendation one way or the other. This is provided for your consideration.

Indeed, we don't know if the District would approve it. They have in the past.

Please review the options. We ask the Delegate chair to have a vote of the faculty to determine if they would like us to propose the alternate calendar.

We will have a vote of the Council of Delegates on Thursday, April 23rd to determine whether the alternate calendar is submitted to the District.

If the decision is to submit the alternate calendar and the District agrees, we will develop an agreement, as we have in the past, which sets no past practice.

As always, the decision is yours. We have no recommendation.

[Click Here to See the Proposed District Calendar](#)

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